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TERM DATES

Term 4
Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

Term 1 2024
Tue 30 Jan - Fri 12 Apr

Term 2 2024
Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul

EVENTS

Community Group Meeting
Wed 15 November, 7pm

Whanau Hui, 6pm
Thu 16 November

Teacher Only Day
Fri 17 November

School Mass
Sun 19 November

BOT Meeting
Tue 21 November, 6pm

SJB Athletics Day
Fri 1 December

BOT Meeting
Tue 12 December, 6pm



From the Principals Desk...

Kia ora koutou

Last Friday we recognised Parihaka, the peaceful resistance led by Tohu and Te Whiti and the many shared beliefs we hold between ourselves at St John Bosco and their movement of peace. The day involved children working with their house groups in a tuakana/teina style in a range of activities including planting seedlings, making soup together and a kapa haka competition won by Rewarewa house!

Our Year 6 students have just returned from camp at Vertical Horizons. We are so fortunate to have this facility so close to us. The zip line, kayaking, flying kiwi, catwalk and more alongside trained facilitators make it the perfect spot for our annual Year 6 Camp. Many thanks to our parent volunteers for the time, effort and fun attitudes they bring. And, of course, to Mrs Young and Mr Page for the huge amount of organisation that goes in prior and the big shift they do while at camp. There were some tired people rolling into school at 2pm and all accounts suggest our children did us proud with how they got along, challenged themselves and with their overall conduct. Well done Year 6.

The Turf is nearly complete with sand being dropped today. It has been a fascinating process to observe over the past week as the main blocks of colour are rolled out, joined together and then glued only at the edges and the joins. Once this was in place the workers cut out the court markings and lay the coloured lines (white and yellow lines) in the empty space. The final element today was laying the sand. This helps to weigh the turf down and keep it from shifting or lifting. There are 4 square boxes being laid at some stage next week and then it should all be fully operational.



Parking: Time for that termly reminder about parking. Poor Andrea's ears are ringing from the neighbours complaints about parking on yellow lines and on grass berms etc. I know it is difficult to get parking at such a busy time but it is of

paramount importance that we place the safety of children at the forefront of any decisions we make around and outside our school.

On that note, our next batch of road patrollers were trained by our community constables Brett and Gary. The kea crossing on Paynters Ave is a great service for our community and a great real life, authentic leadership opportunity for our Year 6 students.

We have had excellent results in the ICAS and Canterbury exams for 2023. We must thank Inthira for all the work she does coordinating this. Congratulations to Pippa (Science), Lucca (English), Ben (Spelling) and Max (Maths) in particular for receiving Principal's awards for their achievements.



Finally some dates for next week: Wednesday is the community group meeting at 7pm, Thursday is our whanau hui at school starting at 6pm (pizza supplied!) while Friday is a Teacher Only Day to enable staff to undertake the necessary learning to engage with the curriculum refresh, new *Common Practice Model* for teaching and to be up to date with latest techniques for helping those children needing an extra boost.

Have a great weekend.

Ryan Fleming



Year 6's at Camp



SERVICE



For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. Mark 10.45

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for November 2023 **For the Pope,**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with help of the Holy Spirit.

Parihaka Day - 5 November

"Turn the other cheek" is a directive that comes from Jesus himself (cf. Mt 5:39; Lk 6:29). It is a 'hard ask'. In the face of injustice what often first comes to mind is retaliation. The people of Parihaka encountered grave injustice. Hostile colonial forces invaded their streets, fields and homes on 5 November 1881. How did they respond?...

Inspired by Scripture and prophetic courage, they decided to 'fight' violence not with more violence but with peace. They turned their cheek, and sang in their streets and offered bread to the invaders. Only faith in God can explain such a conciliatory response. The story of the peaceful resistance of the people of Parihaka is a treasure in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand. (Extract from Parihaka Past and Present (Caritas, 2015) If you would like to learn more about Parihaka use this link to the [Caritas Resource - Parihaka](#)

Sunday the 19th November is World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 19 November 2023 to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7) World Day of the Poor, created by Pope Francis, to indicate the importance of the fight against poverty.

"This, the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, is a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy and a support for the lives of our communities. As its celebration becomes more and more rooted in the pastoral life of the Church, it enables us to discover ever anew the heart of the Gospel. Our daily efforts to welcome the poor are still not enough. A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity. For this reason, on the Sunday before the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe, we gather around his Table to receive from him once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor." Pope Francis, 13th June 2023

As well as praying for an end to poverty, what action can you take in your community to help the poor?



VII WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
19 November 2023

Our School Core Values

Love

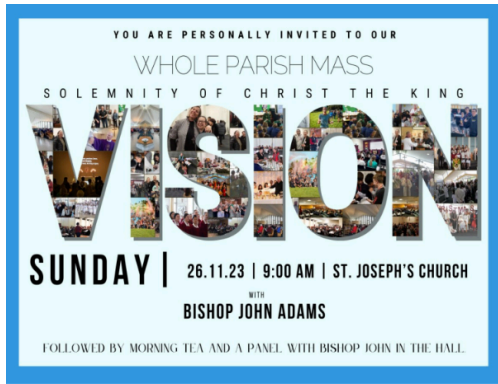
Resilience

Co-operation

Service



Messages from the Parish



WHOLE PARISH MASS 26 NOVEMBER: This is the only Mass in the parish on that Sunday. We invite all parishioners to be at this Mass, to be part of the launch of the Parish Vision and to meet Bishop John at the shared morning tea afterwards. For those who just can not attend this Mass, there will be a Vigil Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians 5.30pm Saturday 25 November. To make parking easy look at car pooling or catching the shuttle vans from Our Lady Help of Christians. Remember to bring a plate (finger food) for the shared morning tea.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday at OLHC Parish 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. We welcome kids from kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too but just need an adult to come with them. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Please click here for the [latest Parish Newsletter](#)

Messages from the Palmerston North Diocese

Warning - Scam Calls Posing as our Priests

It has come to our attention that scam calls are being made where they have pretended to be one of our diocesan parish priests. Using the priest's name, they ask for help in the form of gift cards or money. Note that none of our priest's will ask for any money or gift cards and if in doubt ring the parish phone number. If you receive any such calls or texts, that are requesting such, please ignore and do not reply. Text's often say, "they are in a meeting, so do not phone, but text back and that your help is critical and highly appreciated". - Do not reply.

You can report their phone number to the Department of Internal Affairs, by forwarding the text to 7726, then send in another text the scammers phone number. Then block the scammer's number immediately. If you receive a text/email which seems strange, always check the phone number (or email address). If it is a scam, the details will be slightly different. If in doubt, please do not respond to the text but delete it. If you have been scammed, it's important that you contact the police on 105.

World Day of the Poor | 19 November 2023

Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has created resources for the day. Go here: www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor

Please click here for the latest [Weekly Diocesan Update](#)

School and Class Mass

This term we will have school Mass on Sunday 19th November. This final school Mass for the year will be a welcome for Mr Fleming and a farewell to our Year 6 students, where they will receive a special farewell blessing. It would be great to have as many families as possible making the commitment to come to our school Mass this term and when possible to also join your child's weekday class Masses to support your child in their Faith journey.

Mission Statement

To provide a Catholic environment where children's rights and individual needs are always considered, independence and confidence are fostered and children are challenged to produce their best efforts.



Week 6	Wednesday 15th November Sunday 19th November	Pohutukawa / Kowhai School Mass
Week 7	Wednesday 22nd November	Nga Kakano
Week 8	Wednesday 29th November	Kauri / Totara
Week 9	Wednesday 6th December	Karaka / Rimu
Week 10	Wednesday 12th December	Horoeka / Nikau

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**Saint John Bosco School
and Parish Mass at
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy
Sunday 19th November 2023 at 10:30am**



During mass we will have a blessing for our leaving Year 6 students and to welcome Mr Fleming... Please join us.

School families please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea afterwards.

The SJB Community Group are organising a Bouncy Castle and other fun games and activities. Please stay after mass and enjoy a time of hospitality and fellowship with our parish and school community.

At Mass will be collecting donations of non-perishable items

- of food for the New Plymouth Food Bank and
- cat or dog food for the Taranaki Animal Protection Trust.

If you are unable to make it to mass please send your donations to the school office next week.

Thank you

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Term 4 Summer Sport

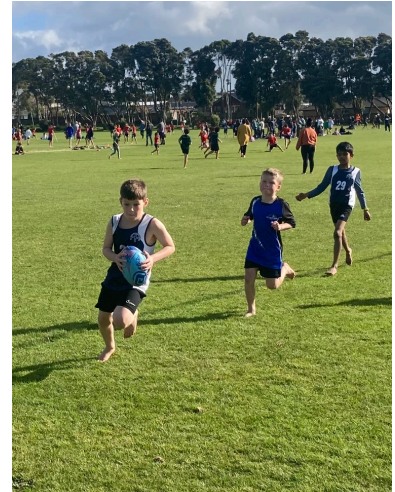
Sport is well-represented by our tamariki this term. Wow - how awesome to have ten touch rugby teams, four cricket teams, four junior netball teams and four hockey teams all representing our kura with great pride each week in their various sporting codes.

Touch Rugby and Junior Netball started during the first week of this term, while cricket and hockey started in Week Two. It was fabulous to see the children fully participating and getting involved in their team sport with great pride and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all of our parents and staff who have kindly committed to coaching and managerial roles for the season. Without your support and sporting passion and skill, we know we would not be able to have tamariki so many participating.

Enjoy a few action shots from the beginning of the term and look out for our hockey and cricket photos in the next coming weeks.

Ngā mihi nui
Trisha Welsh & Felix Page
SJB Sports Co-ordinators



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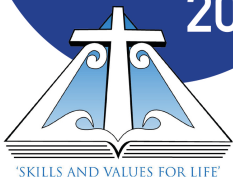
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SUMMER

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SESSIONS

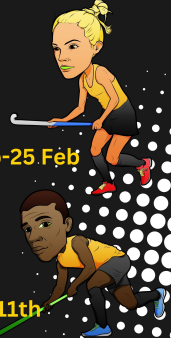


New Plymouth
For years 3-8

Where: New Plymouth Turf
When: Sundays from 4th Feb-25 Feb
Years 3-6 @ 9-10am
Years 7-8 @ 10-11am
\$25

Registrations close January 11th

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